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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the changes to the following paragraphs:

[0029] A preferred embodiment of the avoidance data 104 will now be described with reference to Figs. 2 and 3c. The avoidance data 104 is stored as a table in either a volatile or nonvolatile memory of the mobile station 2. Each entry in the avoidance data 104 includes an identifier of one or more wireless communications systems, such as a unique SID/NID pair or a frequency, and corresponding avoidance criterion, such as an Avoidance_Time. In a preferred embodiment, the Avoidance_Time is the time, as measured by clock 98, after which it is permissible to attempt acquisition of the corresponding wireless communications systems. In a first alternative embodiment, illustrated in Fig. 3d, each entry in an avoidance data table [[106]] 108 includes a mode, band and frequency to be avoided during future system acquisition attempts, and an Avoidance_Time that defines a time period during which the mode, band and frequency should be avoided. In a second alternative embodiment, the avoidance data may include historical information, such as an identification of the most recent acquisition/registration failure for each wireless communications system.